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Col. Thomas A. Rhen
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Dear Col. Rhen:

I appreciate you and Bill McCarthy taking the time to make the trek to Boston to meet with me this morning.

The New Bedford Superfund project is obviously one of enough magnitude to command my personal attention on a regular basis. I'm delighted that you are approaching it in a similar fashion and look forward to working with you.

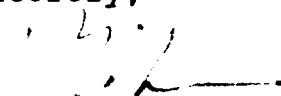
It makes sense for our respective staffs to analyze the project in its totality and then examine its various components with an eye toward better delineating the respective roles of EPA and the Corps and how we might more closely interact. As we agreed, you and I should then meet to ensure that we have a clear understanding as to how we will proceed.

It also seems sensible to handle the designation of the dredged material ocean disposal sites in a similar fashion and am hopeful we can reach a mutually agreeable course of action.

I appreciate your sensitivity to my concern about the cumulative effect of the loss of wetlands in Connecticut. I just learned that Ed Hammond has written to David Fierra on one such proposal, and I will be responding to you formally on that issue shortly.

I look forward to meeting with you in your office on these matters of mutual concern. In the meantime, again many thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,


Michael R. Deland
Regional Administrator

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